



Regional Service Council Minutes

Region # 13

Meeting Date: Friday, September 9, 2011
Meeting Location: Monroe County DCS
1783 W. 3rd Street
Bloomington, IN 47404
Training Room

Council Members Present:

Chairperson and Regional Manager Nicole Henderson; Director Harmony Gist, Monroe County; Director Debbie Dailey, Brown County; Director Sonya Seymour, Owen County; Cami Terry, Director Lawrence County; Jackie Haddix, Supervisor Greene County; Samantha Flath, Greene County CASA; Judge Judy Stewart, Brown County Court

Council Members Absent:

Judge Stephen Galvin, Monroe County Circuit Court; Chris Gaal, Monroe County; Judge Eric Allen, Greene County Circuit Court; Heather Hughes, FCM Lawrence County; Kelli Deckard, FCM Monroe County; Jim Johnson, Monroe County Foster Parent

Welcome / Introductions:

The meeting was brought to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson, Nicole Henderson. Self introductions by all in attendance were made and concluded.

The minutes of the July 8, 2011 were tabled as they have not been drafted due to Kay Compton being on leave.

Community Partners – Ireland Home Based Services:

Region 13 received a total of 200 referrals since July 1, 2011 with 115 levels open. There were 44 referrals during the month of July. CP has seen an increase with school starting as referrals for August are 56. Of these referrals, 4 cases came from Brown County, 18 from Greene County, 28 from Lawrence County, 38 from Monroe County, and 12 from Owen County.

Due to the influx of referrals a priority list was started effective 8/26/11. When CP receives a referral, the need is assessed from 1-3. Discuss with the FCM the concerns and assign a1 – immediate need – homeless, no food etc...same day response; 2 – ASAP, same day not necessary ie...child acting out, given resources in the meantime and will re-contact in 1-2 weeks; or 3 – no immediate needs ie...struggling in school, struggling in home with behavior, provide resources. As of 9/9/11 21 families are on priority list.

CP budget target for July was 8% and ended in 9.6%. Projected August numbers will result in increased expenditures and the need for the priority lists. There are the same budget concerns in Region 16 and 17. Nikki Henderson states there also has been an influx of assessments in August.

Subcontract reports are posted on the IHBS website.

Regional Finances - Steve Adams

Steve Adams reports Region 13 expenditures for July and August. No budget allocations yet. Not expecting increases. Steve and Nikki will be looking at the breakdown for counties. July Child Welfare was \$406,000 and Probation \$484,000 with an increase in expenditures for August. Revenue breakdown was approximately \$162,00 for July and increased to \$180,000 for August.

Steve reviewed a 2010 vs 2011 comparison graph. Foster home expenditures have decreased; institutions increase; preservation decrease; and miscellaneous minimal change. Net cost has decreased from 2010 to 2011.

Steve reviewed monthly graph snapshot showing an increase in expenditures and small increase in reimbursement resulting in increased net costs. Reason for increase may be due to old bills in Monroe and Owen which hit payment cycles in August due to billed wrong and re-billed or no referral.

Nikki Henderson shared that Local Office Directors meet with Probation regularly being open and sharing budget. DCS will assist Probation in accessing services etc.

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Service Proposals:

Darcy Durbin, Regional Services Coordinator for Region 13 presented the following services and selected providers. She discussed the scoring procedure which includes scoring based on the service standard.

Villages – Counseling

Life Solutions – Counseling

Restorative Solutions – Counseling and Substance Abuse

Fathers Forever – Counseling

Kirkland and Associates – Sex Offender Treatment

Connections Inc. – Diagnostic and Evaluation

Cederbridge – Sex Offender Treatment, DV Batters, Counseling Substance Abuse Assessment and outpatient

Non Violent – DV Batters

Life Recovery – DV Batters

Ireland Homebased Services – Sex Offender Treatment

There was a motion to accept the providers for the services stated by Cami Terry and a second by Sonya Seymour. There was a call for discussion with none held. Call for vote resulted all in favor. Motion carried.

Regional Service Needs:

Greene County is requesting Family Counseling and Functional Family Assessment services from Villages. This is for a pre-adoptive placement. Post adoptive services could continue through the Villages once case is closed. Motion by Harmony Gist was made to allow Greene County to contract and utilize services provided by Villages. Cami Terry seconded the motion. There was a call for a vote and all in favor. Motion carried.

Presentation:

Sven Schumacher, Lutheran Family and Children Services provided a presentation in regards to Infant Mental Health and Early Intervention Services. Handout was provided Mr. Schumacher offered to provide the presentation to DCS staff.

Homebuilders Update:

Amy Vanest, Family Solutions Homebuilders Supervisor, presented Homebuilders Program. Handout provided. She introduced Homebuilders Specialists Heidi Flynn and Kevin Bezy.

Announcements:

No announcements.

Next Meeting and Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2011.